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EVALUATION

1. The Technisches Büro, Warnemünde, is controlled by the Soviet naval authorities and is under the direction of Ober. Ing. Walter Schlank. In July 1947, a new Soviet controller was appointed to Warnemünde. This official is known as Subkov, and prior to his arrival in Warnemünde, he had been concerned with Soviet enterprises in Stettin, principally the Oderwerke and Vulkanwerft.
2. The Technisches Büro exists for the purpose of producing constructional plans for the following types:
  - a. Type M.43.
  - b. Type KFK.
  - c. A type of camouflaged (gedeckte) cruiser, larger than the types "Königsberg", "Eöln" or "Hamburg" with heavier armored plating and armament.
3. Plans for the M-43 type, consisting of 100 general and 1,000 detailed diagrams, were completed on 1 May 1947 and were handed over to the Soviets with translations. The plans are identical to those of the German type M.43, with the exception of the forward gun platforms which are to be enlarged. The caliber of the forward guns, which was formerly 75 mm, is to be increased (it is believed to 127 mm).
4. Construction has not yet begun on the M.43, owing to the fact that no existing Werft has facilities to undertake this work. Heinrich Schlapper, also employed at the Technisches Büro, is in charge of the preparation of plans for the necessary installations, but it is not yet known where the actual construction will take place.
5. Plans for the construction of the KFK type have been completed, and construction is in progress at the Kröger Werft.   Comment: For further details of the KFK type at the Kröger Werft, see report

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6. Schlaak appears to be experiencing difficulties in connection with the plans for the proposed cruiser type: this is stated to be largely due to the lack of success in his recruiting program and the fact that he himself has not sufficient knowledge of this type of work. Preparations for the drawing up of the plans have not yet begun.
7. When the plans for the M.43 and KKK had been completed, several technicians from the Technisches Büro were dismissed and detailed for work at the Werfts. In the month of August, however, Schlaak again made efforts to increase his staff above the original nucleus of 40 German engineers, technicians and other employees.

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